

1        10.     The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said  
2     inner cannula main lumen defines a longitudinal center axis which is offset from said  
3     inner cannula longitudinal axis.

1        11.     The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said  
2     inner cannula cutout sidewalls are separated by an angle  $\alpha$  taken from said inner  
3     cannula longitudinal axis, and said outer cannula cutout sidewalls are separated by an  
4     angle  $\beta$  taken from said outer cannula longitudinal axis, and wherein  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are  
5     substantially the same.

1        12.     The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said  
2     cutting loop includes a generally circular portion and an end, said end being curved  
3     around a point outside said cutting loop.

1        13.     The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said  
2     cutting loop includes two substantially linear portions and a curved middle portion  
3     between said two substantially linear portions.

1        14.     The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said  
2     inner cannula includes a screen proximal of said inner cannula cutout which  
3     communicates said inner cannula main lumen with the exterior of said inner cannula,  
4     said outer cannula includes a screen proximal of said outer cannula cutout which

5     communicates said outer cannula main lumen with the exterior of said outer cannula,  
6     and said inner cannula screen is positioned at the same longitudinal and radial  
7     position as said outer cannula screen.

1                 15.     The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 14, further  
2     comprising a recess in said inner cannula sidewall, said inner cannula screen formed  
3     in said recess, and including an aspiration regulator movable in said recess from an  
4     extended position covering a portion of said inner cannula screen and a retracted  
5     position covering no portion of said inner cannula screen.

1                 16.     The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 15, wherein  
2     said aspiration regulator comprises a plate which fits in said inner cannula recess  
3     without interfering with rotation of said outer cannula relative to said inner cannula,  
4     and an actuator extending proximally from said plate.

1                 17.     The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said  
2     outer cannula comprises an electrically conductive material on a portion of the  
3     exterior of said outer cannula, and said outer cannula is a return electrode for said  
4     cutting loop.

1                 18.     The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said  
2     inner cannula main lumen comprises a lubricious coating thereon.

1        19.     The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said  
2     passageway comprises a small lumen formed in said inner cannula sidewall.

1        20.     The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said  
2     passageway comprises a channel in an exterior surface of said inner cannula sidewall.

1        21.     The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said  
2     passageway comprises a small lumen formed in said outer cannula sidewall.

1        22.     The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said  
2     passageway comprises a channel in an internal surface of said outer cannula sidewall.

1        23.     The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said  
2     passageway comprises channels in both an exterior surface of said inner cannula  
3     sidewall and an internal surface of said outer cannula sidewall.

1        24.     A system for sampling tissue from a patient, comprising:  
2              a RF energy generator capable of generating RF energy; and  
3              an tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 1, said cutting  
4     wire of said tissue acquisition device in electrical communication with said RF energy  
5     generator.